

Dear State Director -

Regarding Protest of the September 21, 2017
Competitive Oil and Gas lease Sale, Wayne
National Forest.

I hereby file this protest of the BLM's
planned Sept 2017 lease sale of minerals in
Wayne National Forest and the programmatic
Final Environmental Assessment for oil and gas
leasing in the Marietta Unit of Athens Ranger
district, Monroe County Ohio - 6 parcels covering
191.71 acres. Parcel information below:

ES-001, T4N, R5W, Ohio River Survey Sec 7: SENE

ES-002, T2N, R4W, Ohio River Survey Sec 15: NENE

ES-003, T2N, R4W, Ohio River Survey Sec 15: NESE

Protest

I. protesting Party Contact

-this protest is filed on behalf of Alysa Joy
Adams and Keep Wayne Wild. 1300 Lenore Ave,
Columbus, Ohio 43224. I do not want my address
to be made public.

- my interest in the Wayne is multi-tiered. I
grew up in the Wayne, spending weekends with my
friends there - it was my backyard. My family still
lives in the area and I use the Wayne all the time.
Someday I hope to move back to Marietta, and want
the Wayne left unharmed, so that I might enjoy it
into my old age. I also have a humanitarian interest in

protecting public lands, and the rivers and streams that run through Wayne National Forest.

II. Statement:

- BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below:

1. Our USFS Regional Forester, Kathleen

Atkinson is not taking proper care in reviewing Ohio's complaints and concerns. She is not upholding due diligence in researching the impacts or considering the appropriateness of hydraulic fracturing in Ohio's Only National Forest. Other Regional Foresters, who have worked in good faith to the benefit of the forests they oversee have found fracking to disruptive and inappropriate - in the case of George Washington National Forest, and in Wayne National Forest in 2011 under regional forester Anne Carey. If it was inappropriate for fracking in Wayne National Forest in 2011, it is surely even more inappropriate now.

2. USFS has never adequately assessed fracking - high powered, horizontal, hydraulic fracturing, or given any regard to public input, totalling over 100,000 signatures on a petition to stop these leases; and for that reason, this sale is illegal, irresponsible, and must be cancelled.

3. Wayne National Forest sits inside of Appalachia - an at-risk territory that has often been sacrificed to the greed of extraction industries. This is not only

an environmental issue - but a human rights and social justice issue. Communities are getting destroyed by this new wave of fracking, peoples' lives and health are being destroyed, their wells are being ruined and their property values crashing. Fracking and all of its processes (compressor stations, pipelines, water sucking, etc) are not fit to be around any human populations. The fact that the BLM and USFS are willing to put poor, disenfranchised, Appalachian communities - Families & children, Farms and livestock, at risk is abhorrent and a crime against humanity, as well as NEPA.

4. NO Environmental Impact statement has been completed and the ridiculous, ill researched, unscientific & rushed Environmental assessment with the "fracking" addendum is not a suitable substitution. We deserve a full EIS in accordance with NEPA. The BLM's leasing needs to be considered an act of fracking, because the administrative action of leasing directly leads to the dangerous and disruptive action of fracking. The BLM can not be held blameless or be allowed to move forward on the broken logic that the leasing action causes no harm. The administrative action of leasing needs to not happen until a complete, well researched, scientific based EIS has been completed.

5. The USFS is downplaying the risks that fracking poses to our endangered species. At times the USFS and BLM have gone so far to say Wayne National Forest has no endangered species - which is ridiculous given scientists have clearly said we do - including bats, mussels, mink, etc. If we have no endangered species in the area, then why are extraction companies filing for incidental taking permits?!!

6. Climate Change is real, Fossil fuels contribute to it, Methane being more dangerous to our climate over the next 20 years than coal. Fracking releases methane during every part of its process. This methane is not being evaluated, monitored, or ~~calculated~~. That is reckless to say the least. The cumulative methane being released across the nation, during every part of fracking needs to be recorded and analyzed! Not to mention the countless and unmonitored release of diesel fumes from the insane amount of trucks and machinery constantly running.

7. This gas is not benefiting Ohio and is largely being used in Canada, making it not for domestic use - our national forests' resources were meant to be for OUR nation. So this extraction and export are not in line with the legal uses of national forests. BLM is letting Multinational corporations

get away with stealing local resources. Unless 100% of what is extracted is kept entirely within the boundaries of the USA - which it is not - then this sale of our mineral rights within a US national forest should be illegal.

8. Water contamination & water usage are huge issues not given proper consideration. The administrative act of auctioning our mineral rights directly leads to very real risks of our watersheds - including creeks and streams that are being sucked dry and the rivers/water table being jeopardized as the concrete casings often leak and allow known deadly chemicals into our drinking systems.

This is an unacceptable risk - the leasing of these parcels can not happen, the risk can not be known, controlled, or mitigated and therefore the leasing directly causes risk to our drinking water.

- These valid protests should be truly heard and if they were, would absolutely sway any reasonable person or agency to stop this madness and cancel these sales. Future generations will not hold the BLM and USFS blameless. If you move forward with leasing away public mineral rights around the nation, you directly contribute to the climate and water struggles of our grandchildren, they will know

You as villains, and they will be right.
But it is not too late. Hear the cry of
the people. Honor the wishes and concerns of
those of us who live here and love our
waterways and forest, and stop these
immoral and reprehensible lease sales which
are anything but a simple administrative
action, but rather directly leads to risk,
suffering, and destruction.

Sincerely,

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